

NUTRITION SOCIETY OF INDIA

57th Annual Conference

14-15 November 2025

YOUNG SCIENTISTS' AWARDS SESSION

I. AWARD DETAILS

The young scientists award will be given in four categories:

1. Senior Award in Community Nutrition
2. Senior Award in Experimental Nutrition
3. Junior Award in Community Nutrition
4. Junior Award in Experimental Nutrition

II. CRITERIA

1. Senior Award:

- Contestant should be **below 40 years of age as on 01-06-2025** (i.e., born on or after 01-06-1985).
- Should have been working in an organization for at least 3 years.
- Should be the first author of the paper
- Member of the society for at least 3 years or a life member as on the submission date.

2. Junior Award:

- Contestant should be **below 30 years of age as on 01-06-2025**. (i.e., born on or after 01-06-1995)
- Should be the first author of the paper
- Member of the society for at least 1 year or a life member as on the submission date.

3. Research Categories:

- Papers should fit in above categories i.e. Community Nutrition or Experimental Nutrition.

4. Submission Deadline:

- Papers must be submitted by **31st August 2025**. Late entries will not be accepted.

5. Originality of Work:

- Research should be directly or indirectly related to nutrition problems of national importance.
- Research work should be original and conducted by the main author.
- Plagiarism or misrepresentation may lead to the award withdrawal.

6. Certification:

- **Obtain a certificate** stating that “**the paper submitted is an original research work of the first author and not published in any scientific journal**” from the Head of the Institute/Department where the work was conducted. However, there will be no objection to the paper being published elsewhere after the presentation, provided it is acknowledged that the paper was presented at the National Conference of the Nutrition Society of India.

7. Re-application:

- Previous winners of the award cannot reapply for the same award but can be co-authors on other submissions.
- 8. Paper Presentation:**
 - No author can present more than one paper.
 - Co-authors need not be members of the society.
 - 9. Evaluation and Selection:**
 - Papers will be evaluated by a panel of three judges nominated by the Executive Committee.
 - Selected candidates will be notified via email for oral presentation.
 - Final award selection score will include both written paper and oral presentation evaluation scores.
 - 10. Oral Presentation Guidelines:**
 - Presentation time: 7 minutes followed by 2 minutes of discussion.
 - The presentation will be in MS PowerPoint.
 - 11. Anonymity in Submission:**
 - Do not include author names or institutional details in the paper.
 - No acknowledgements page included in the paper.
 - The first page with author details will be removed and coding will be applied before review.
 - 12. Prize:**
 - The best paper in each category will be awarded the Young Scientists' Award. Each award includes a certificate and a cash prize of Rs. 5000/-.
 - A Certificate of Merit will be given in case the paper is not selected for an award.
 - 13. Travel facility**
 - Third A/C train fare (to & fro) will be reimbursed to the selected candidates presenting papers orally at the conference on submission of duly signed bills along with bank details at the conference venue.
 - 14. Finality of Decisions:**
 - Decisions made by the judging panel are final and binding.

III. GUIDELINES

- 1. Paper Structure:** Papers should follow this format:
 - Introduction
 - Objectives
 - Materials & Methods (including sample size calculation and statistical methods)
 - Results
 - Discussion
 - Summary
 - Bibliography
- 2. Clarity:** Ensure specific objectives and appropriate methods are included.
- 3. Sample Size:** Adequate size with justification is essential.
- 4. Statistical Methods:** Use appropriate statistical tools and techniques.
- 5. Presentation of Results:** Results should be clear, using well-structured tables and figures.
- 6. Discussion:** Centered on findings, linking them to existing literature.

7. **Conclusion:** Should be concise and highlight key findings or new contributions.
8. **Length:** Maximum of **20 pages (A4 size, double-spaced, one side printing)**, including tables and figures.
9. **References:** Limit references to 15-20. Ensure accurate and relevant citations.
10. **Anonymity:** Do not disclose author details or place of work in the text. Exclude acknowledgments.
11. **Bio-data:** Include a brief bio-data with the following:
 - Date of birth and age (**as on 1st June 2025**)
 - Qualifications
 - Designation and place of work
 - Contact information (phone number and email ID)
12. **Submission details:**
 - Hard copy: **One set of hard copy** of the paper should be send to the Organizing Secretary, 57th Annual Conference of NSI, ICMR-National Institute of Nutrition Campus, Tarnaka, Jamai-Osmania PO, Hyderabad - 500 007, Telangana, India.
 - Soft copy: Email a PDF of the above paper (without author details) to nsihyderabad@yahoo.com.
 - Abstract: Submit a structured abstract at the conference website.
13. **Supporting Documents:** Arrange the following in this order:
 - Cover letter
 - Certificate from Head of the Institute
 - Bio-data
 - Full paper (remove author details from soft copy)
 - Checklist

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CHECK LIST

[Tick (✓) opposite box if applicable and enclose with the paper]

	SENIOR AWARD	JUNIOR AWARD
Age	Below 40 years (as on 01-06-2024) <input type="checkbox"/>	Below 30 years (as on 01-06-2024) <input type="checkbox"/>
Work experience	More than 3 years <input type="checkbox"/>	--
NSI membership	3 years ordinary or life member as on date of submission <input type="checkbox"/>	1 yr ordinary or life member as on date of submission <input type="checkbox"/>
Authorship	First author <input type="checkbox"/>	First author <input type="checkbox"/>
Category	Community Nutrition <input type="checkbox"/> Or Experimental Nutrition <input type="checkbox"/>	Community Nutrition <input type="checkbox"/> Or Experimental Nutrition <input type="checkbox"/>
Abstract of the paper submitted online	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Original work in nutrition / allied subjects	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Paper already published	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Certification from Head of the Institute/Dept. included	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Bio-data included	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Received this award earlier	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Submitted hard copy of full paper	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Submitted soft copy of full paper	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

The information provided above is true.

Name:

Date:

(Signature of delegate)